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Open Source

Open Source Software

Our October program is on a subject where there is much talk, but very little guidelines. Everyone likes the idea of “free” software, but the nuts and bolts of dealing with open source software are still not clear.

Our October speaker is Nicholas L. Holland who is CEO/President of CentreSource, Inc., a full service provider of custom software development, web solutions, and digital marketing services. Nicholas will discuss topics such as: What is Open Source Software? Is it really free? How do you evaluate it? How do you handle the licenses and their interaction with other licenses? What about documentation? How do you respond to requests for donations? If you purchase support, how do you evaluate the quality of support? What costs are there to using open source software? Where do you find what you might use? What does Open Source mean to me, and my business? If you have other questions, please bring them to the meeting.

Nicholas is experienced in both using open source software and installing recommended solutions for clients. He founded CentreSource, Inc. in 2003 to provide technology consulting to the SMB market in the Southeast Region. CentreSource focuses on providing three core services for clients worldwide: Custom Web Application Development, Digital Marketing, and Business Web Solutions.



Prior to founding CentreSource, Nicholas was a Senior Risk Analyst with Reliant Energy, an energy firm based in Houston. He also spent three years working as an Independent Contractor in Nashville and New Orleans on a variety of IT projects.

CentreSource is a leader in its market and has been the recipient of a number of awards, including the Nashville Business Journal's “Best in Business” award in the Emerging Business category (2006) and one of Goldline Research’s “10 Most Dependable Web Design Firms in the Central U.S.” (2007)

In 2004, Mr. Holland was recognized as one of Tennessee’s “30 under 30” leaders by Business Tennessee, and in 2006 he received the Young Entrepreneur Award from the Nashville Business Journal. He also received a Tech 20 Award from the Nashville Technology Council for being one of the city’s 20 most influential technology business leaders. In 2007, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce awarded Mr. Holland the prestigious “Nashville Emerging Leader” Award in Technology.

Nicholas graduated from Tulane University where he was Student Body President. He is married to an attorney, and they live in the downtown area of Nashville. For fun, Nick says he loves to travel and enjoys training his dog.

This should be a great program with an exciting speaker.

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**Dinner Reservation
and
Cancellation Policy**

AITP members will be notified by electronic mail one week prior to the Chapter meeting. Reservations can be made by responding to the electronic notice or by calling **Mary Simpson at 615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775** Dinner reservations can be canceled up to 24-hours prior to the meeting without cost.

Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, and \$30.00 for Guests.

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775
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October Chapter Meeting:

Holiday Inn Select - Vanderbilt
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members and Guests,

As IT professionals, I think we have all been trained pretty well and are pretty much prepared for change. Change is just a major part of what we do and, also, part of the world we live in today! In keeping with that philosophy, AITP held it's first ever lunch meeting in September! We had a great crowd and enjoyed lunching, for a change, at the Holiday Inn Select – Vanderbilt (our usual meeting hangout)!

We saw some very familiar faces and also some brand new faces. Thanks to those of you that were able to come for the first time; we really enjoyed meeting you! Of course, we always love seeing those familiar faces! And, then I would like to apologize to the members and guests who weren't able to attend because the meeting was held at lunch – we missed seeing you! We will go back to our regular dinner meeting time in October and will look forward to seeing you then!

At our September lunch meeting, David McAlister, MarketLink Technologies, spoke to us about e-mail archiving. Here are some interesting e-mail "facts":

- 171 billion e-mails are sent per day
- 70 – 72% are spam or viruses
- genuine e-mails are sent by around 1.1 billion e-mail users
- about 1 in every 6 people on earth use e-mail
- 60% of an organization's intellectual property is in their e-mail system
- a typical user stores more than ½ of his/her critical business info in e-mail
- an average user receives around 60 messages per day and keeps 20-25 of them
- an average message size is 75K (those with attachments average 200K and those without attachments average 5K)
- 71% of companies use e-mail to negotiate contracts and agreements
- 69% of companies use e-mail to exchange invoices, statements and payment information
- 93% of companies use e-mail to communicate with customers

E-mail archiving secures data from editing and deletion, insures e-mail is available for years, is stored on high speed appliances, and is available via a web browser. E-mail archiving is becoming increasingly popular because of compliance requirements (SOX, HIPPA, GLBA); the importance of e-mail content to the business (e-mail is sometimes described as one of a companies most critical databases); the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP), which allows companies to respond to lawsuits much quicker; and also in order to reclaim network resources.

In addition to a demo, David went on to explain exactly how e-mail archiving works and what it takes to set up an e-mail archiving system. He also noted some of the bigger players in the field of e-mail archiving and listed some basic costs associated with e-mail archiving packages.

Although 70 – 72% of all e-mail is spam, AITP e-mail definitely does not fall into that category! So, open up the next AITP e-mail, read about our October program, make a reservation, note the date of October 11th on your calendar, and attend our next meeting! We will look forward to seeing you there!!

Mary Simpson
President
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AITP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

September 6, 2007

Prepared by Ella McGill

This meeting was held at Genesco.

Attendees: Gerald Marquis, Mike Eischen, Robert Wright, Paul Saunders, Mary Simpson, Marshall Messamore, Joan Julius, Beverly Gibson, and Ella McGill.

PMI has contacted AITP about having a joint meeting during our meeting time. The board discussed this and decided to pursue this. Mary will get in touch with the PMI contacts about a date.

The board voted to accept Bob Claxton as a Senior Member. A senior member is one who has been an AITP member for 10 years prior to becoming disabled or retired. Five consecutive years of this must be those immediately prior to becoming disabled or retired. While seniors have all the privileges of membership, they pay only one-half the annual dues. He will need to provide a senior membership application to the national office.

The board discussed future meeting plans with emphasis on field trips. Some of the ideas being worked on for next year are A. O. Smith and a return to the Titan's training facility. We discussed possible venues for a special meeting in December and voted to go to Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre. The date will be December 13, 2007, which is our usual meeting night. The cost for members will be \$20.00 each for members and a spouse/significant other. The cost will be \$40.00 each for guests. We must have paid reservations no later than November 8, 2007 if you plan to attend. The meal is served buffet style. The play will be The Game Show Show. There is some audience participation in this play. More details will follow.

The Holiday Inn Select will be undergoing renovations during the first part of 2008. Therefore, we have been looking for alternative meeting sites. Mary is checking with Genesco about meeting there and getting their cafeteria to cater the food. We will also check with the hotel about using a catering facility and still meeting in that location.

Marshall has agreed to be in charge of officer nominations for 2008. Anyone interested should contact him.

The board voted to offer a student scholarship again in 2008. Gerald will modify the application from last year and get it sent out.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. There was an item needing review for the August receipts. Beverly will do this, and it will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2007

Date	Event	Location	Information
October 11	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select-Vanderbilt	Open Source Software, Nick Holland, CEO CentreSource, Inc.
November 8	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt	TBA
December 13	Field Trip	Chaffins' Barn Theater	Guest Night for Dinner and Play

SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or Paul@SaundersSystems.com.

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December 2007 AITP Meeting

This year your board is planning a very special December AITP meeting. We are going to Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre for dinner and a play. The play is "The Game Show Show" which will be in the backstage theater of the facility. Dinner is served buffet style with waiters available to get your drinks.

The play is described as a hilarious evening where audience members join 'celebrities' to play all-time favorite game shows with a holiday theme. It should be a very festive evening with an opportunity to win some 'fabulous prizes'.

What makes this evening even more special is the prices.

AITP members and spouse/significant other will pay \$20.00 each.

AITP guests will pay \$40.00 each.

The normal pricing at Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre is \$45.00 per person, so this is a bargain any way you look at it. The prices include the cost of the meal, play, and taxes. A small gratuity is also included, but you may want to leave your waiter or waitress a little extra gratuity if they have done a really good job. Soft drinks, tea, and coffee are included in the price, but alcoholic beverages are not. You may order them from your waiter/waitress.

You need to make your plans soon. We do have limited seating, and we must have PAID reservations no later than November 8, 2007. Mail your check made payable to AITP to:

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P.O. Box 22038

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If you prefer, you can give it to Beverly Gibson at one of our meetings. Please make your plans now, and get those checks in as soon as possible. We do expect this event to sell out. See you there!

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